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1. KOREA

NYT RUNS FRONT-PAGE UPI FOTO TONGSUN PARK'S HONOLULU
ARRIVAL 2/23. PARK MET BY 2 US MARSHALS/2 FBI AGENTS/AIR-
PORT SECURITY OFFICIALS (UPI, NYDN). ETHICS CMTE CHRMN
FLYNT EXPECTS PARK TESTIFY 2/28 (REUTER 2/23).

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ABOARD FLIGHT TO HAWAII, PARK TOLD CBS NEWSMAN HE IS
"WELL PREPARED" GIVE "TRUTHFUL"/"COMPLETE" TESTIMONY.
BELIEVES THERE IS MORE THAN 50-50 CHANCE OF BRINGING
MATTER TO END. PARK SAID HE COULDN'T SPECULATE ON HOW
MANY TIMES HE MUST RETURN US TO TESTIFY, BUT EXPRESSED
BELIEF THAT "WHEN WE GET OUT OF THIS," US/SK "WILL BE
EVEN CLOSER" (REUTER HONOLULU).

SK AMB KIM SCHEDULED SEE SEN STEVENSON (D-ILL) 2/24 FOR
DISCUSSION ON SEN'S THREAT BLOCK 500-MIL-DOL EX/IM BANK

LOAN UNLESS ROKG COOPERATES MORE FULLY IN INFLUENCE-BUYING PROBE. SENIOR ADMIN OFFICIAL SAID US WOULD LOSE NEEDED EXPORT BUSINESS TO FON COMPETITORS IF LOANS--SUCH AS THIS ONE TO WESTINGHOUSE--BLOCKED.

STEVENSON RESPONDED, "WESTINGHOUSE CAN BE SACRIFICED, IF NECESSARY, FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE CONGRESS" (BABCOCK, WP).

SK FONMIN PARK TONG-JIN DISCUSSED SK-EC INDUSTRIAL RELS W/EC EXEC DAVIGNON THURS. ON LAST LEG 3DAY VISIT FRIDAY, PARK WILL MEET NATO SEC GEN LUNS (UPI, JOC).

2. JAPAN

HIGH-LEVEL JAPANESE TRADE MISSION WILL BEGIN 2-WK US TOUR 3/3 IN EFFORT PROMOTE US IMPORTS. TRADE ENVOYS AT JAPANESE EMB SAID RESPONSE AMONG JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS/IMPORTERS ENTHUSIASTIC, W/87 INDIVIDUALS SIGNING ON FOR TOUR. US/JAPAN OFFICIALS REGARD MISSION AS IMPORTANT TEST JAPAN'S ABILITY MAKE GOOD ON COMMITMENT EXPAND IMPORTS (ROWEN, WP; REUTER'S WALLACE 2/23).

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WP REPORTS US-JAPAN AVIATION DISPUTE GROWING. JAL HAS ASKED NY APPEALS COURT REVIEW CAB ORDER DIRECTING IT FILE DETAILED SCHEDULES OF ALL FLIGHTS BETW US-JAPAN. MEANWHILE, JOC'S CULLISON (TOKYO) SAYS 4 DAYS WORKING LEVEL AIR NEGOTS ENDED IN TOKYO THURS W/NO VISIBLE PROGRESS. FINAL ROUND BILAT TALKS ON REVISION 1952 US-JAPAN AIRPACT SCHEDULED FOR WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH.

USSR HAS PUBLISHED FULL TEXT OF DRAFT TREATY IT PROPOSED TO JAPAN LAST MONTH. DRAFT'S RELEASE BY TASS FOLLOWED DELIVERY 2/23 OF MESSAGE FROM BREZHNEV TO FUKUDA, WHICH STATED MOSCOW WANTED ACCORD BECAUSE "THIRD FORCE" SEEKING DAMAGE JAPANESE-SOVIET RELS (REUTER, NYT).

GOJ SOURCES SAID CABINET MINISTERS INDIGNANT AT TREATY PUBLICATION, WHICH CONSIDERED DISCOURTESY. CHIEF CABINET SEC ABE SAID JAPAN WOULD NOT SIGN ANY TREATY W/MOSCOW THAT MEANT SHELIVING KURILE ISLES TERRITORY DISPUTE (REUTER TOKYO).

MITSUI WILL BUY UNDISCLOSED NUMBER US HELICOPTERS IN EFFORT HELP REDUCE TRADE SURPLUS W/US. JAPANESE FINANCIAL DAILY, HOWEVER, SAID NUMBER WOULD BE 25 AT 1.68 MIL DOLS EACH (REUTER TOKYO).

IN 2/23 ADDRESS BEFORE JAPAN NATL PRESS CLUB, ECON PLANNING AGENCY DIRECTOR GENRL MIYAZAWA SAID JAPAN MUST

ACT QUICKLY TO REDUCE SURPLUS IN ORDER AVOID SEVERE CRITICISM FROM ABROAD. SAID GOJ "CONSIDERING EMERGENCY IMPORTS" TO HELP CUT SURPLUS THIS YR (CULLISON).

ITC HAS ISSUED "CEASE-AND-DESIST" ORDER DIRECTING 11 JAPANESE FIRMS STOP SELLING STAINLESS STEEL PIPE/TUBING IN US MKT AT PRICES BELOW JAPAN'S PRODUCTION COSTS. ITC CHRMN SAID ORDER TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY, THO PRES CARTER ABLE CANCEL IT AT ANY TIME (WSJ).
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GOJ OFFICIALS/LDP LEADERS/BANK OF JAPAN AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED LOWER CENTRAL BANK'S OFFICIAL DISCOUNT RATE ONCE AGAIN OVER NEXT FEW WKS/MONTHS. MOST TOKYO FINANCIAL EXPERTS PREDICT 0.5 PCT DROP FROM CURRENT 4.25 PCT RATE (CULLISON).

3. JAPAN/CHINA

NIPPON TO HELP PRC BUILD IRON/STEEL PLANT IN SHANGHAI W/ANNUAL CAPACITY 6 MILLION METRIC TONS. NIPPON DECLINED DISCLOSE PROJECT'S COST, BUT SAID IT ALSO WOULD SUPPLY OTHER IRON/STEEL MFG PLANTS, PROVIDE TECHNOLOGICAL AID OVER LONGTERM PVT AGREEMENT SIGNED IN PEKING THIS MONTH (REUTER TOKYO 2/23).

4. CHINA

YT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) NOTED CENTRAL CMTE CONCLUDED 6-DAY MTG THURS W/COMMUNIQUE STRESSING THAT PRC HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER YRS OF DISRUPTION, BUT OFFERING FEW CLUES TO GATHERING'S LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS.

CCP CENTRAL CMTE SAID THURS IT HAS APPROVED DRAFT OF 10-YR ECON PLAN/CHANGES IN COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTION. MEASURES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO NPCSESON STARTING SUNDAY, NO DETAILS RELEASED (REUTER PEKING).

DELS OF PRC'S UNITED FRONT CONSULTATIVE CONF WERE MTG FRI AS PRELUDE TO NPC OPENING (REUTER'S PRITCHETT, PEKING).

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ACCORDING NCNA, PEKING IS PLANNING EXPAND/MODERNIZE CIVIL AVIATION IN NEXT 5 YRS, TO PROMOTE FOREIGN RELS/TOURISM (JOC SPEC).

ITALY'S ELFIM-ALSAR STATE GROUP REPORTS RECENT SALES MISSION TO PEKING WON CHINESE ORDER FOR ALUMINUM INGOTS/FORGINGS, ALONG W/COLLABORATION ACCORD FOR BUILDING

ALUMINUM PLANTS (JOC ROME).

PANCHEN LAMA APPEARS IN PUBLIC IN PEKING AFTER MORE THAN 12 YRS OBSCURITY. NCNA DISCLOSED 2/24 HE HAD REGISTERED AS CPPCC DEL, BUT THERE WAS NO MENTION OF HIS RELIGIOUS FUNCTIONS (REUTER PEKING).

5. BURMA

THREE MEN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN RANGOON FOR CONSPIRING ASSASSINATE NE WIN/OTHER GUB LEADERS. IN SEPARATE CASE, W BURMESE SECESSIONIST LEADER HTEIN LIN SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR TREASON (REUTER RANGOON).

6. INDONESIA

ADDRESSING 238 MIL LEADERS IN JAKARTA FRI, SUHARTO CALLED ON INDO ARMED FORCES ENSURE SUCCESS NEXT MO'S MEET OF PEOPLE'S CONGRESS WHICH EXPECTED RE-ELECT HIM UNOPPOSED FOR 3RD TERM (REUTER JAKARTA).

7. VIETNAM

PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG LEFT HANOI FRI FOR OFFICIAL VISIT INDIA (REUTER HK).

8. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

RADIO HANOI REPORTS VIET FORCES KILLED 370 CAMBODIANS/
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CAPTURED MANY OTHERS/SEIZED LARGE QUANTITY OF WEAPONS IN FIGHTING ON VIET SOIL IN LAST WK. RADIO PP REPORTS CONTINUED SKIRMISHES/PROBE BY VIET FORCES OF BATTALION SIZE IN RECENT DAYS, BUT MADE NO MENTION BATTLE REPORTED BY VN (AP BANGKOK, NYT; CSM).

9. NZ/AUSTRALIA

NZ;STASMAN PULP/PAPER CO HAS WON NEWSPRINT ORDER FROM INDIA--GREATER THAN RECENT PRC CONTRACT FOR 20,000 METRIC TONS (JOC SPEC AUCKLAND).

BANK OF NZ HAS BEEN GRANTED LICENSE BY NY STATE BANKING DEPT TO OPEN NYC AGENCY (JOC SPEC AUCKLAND).

W AUSTRALIA AUTHORITIES SAID THURS THAT US WOMAN, WHO COMPLAINED TO US CONSULATE THAT SHE WAS GIVEN PAINFUL VAGINAL EXAM WHILE DETAINED IN PERTH, HAD SUBMITTED TO "NORMAL MEDICAL" EXAMS WITHOUT COMPLAINT; BUT POLICE MINISTER SAID HE IS INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS OF CALIF WOMAN WHO WAS EXTRADITED TO AUSTRALIA IN LATE JAN TO

FACE CHARGES OF PASSING FRADULENT CHECKS DURING PREVIOUS
STAY OF SEVERAL YRS (AP PERTH 2/23).

10. MALAYSIA

ABOUT 200 HARUN INDRIS SUPPORTERS SURROUNDED HIS HOUSE
THURS TO KEEP HIM FROM GOING TO JAIL FOR CORRUPTION/
ILLEGAL FINANCING OF '75 MUHAMMAD ALI-JOE BUGNER HEAVY-
WEIGHT TITLE FIGHT. POLICE TOOK NO IMMEDIATE ACTION,
FEARING RIOT. HARUN HAD BEEN ORDERED SURRENDER AT PUDU
PRISON ABOUT 10 AM THURS (AP KL 2/23).

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11. GENERAL

MAKERS MUSIC RECORDS/TAPES FROM 13 COUNTRIES MEETING
MANILA TO DISCUSS WIDESPREAD PIRATING OF THEIR MUSIC,
ESPECIALLY IN ASIA. FIRST ASIAN RECORD PRODUCERS CONF
WILL ALSO DISCUSS COPYRIGHTING OF TAPES/RECORDS/DEVELOP-
MENT OF MUSICAL TALENT IN ASIAN MKT. MEETING IN WAKE
OF REPORT BY ILO THAT MUSIC INDUSTRY PIRATES MADE 500 MIL
DOLS WORLDWIDE IN '77 FROM CLANDESTINE PRODUCTION RECORDS/
TAPES, RECORD PRODUCERS COMPLAINED THAT PIRATE PRODUCTS
OUTSELL LEGITIMATE ONES 5 TO 1 IN ASIA-PACIFIC REGION/
THAT PIRATES COLLECTING MORE MONEY THAN LEGAL OPERATORS
(REUTER MANILA 2/23-24).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. CHINA

PAUL SPELZ, US CONSULTANT REPRESENTING SEVERAL AMERICAN
FIRMS SELLING PRC OIL EQUIPMENT, TOLD OFFSHORE SEA
CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE THURS THAT PRC IS CERTAIN BECOME
ONE OF WORLD'S BIGGEST OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, BUT THAT
DEMANDS OF ITS OWN ECON EXPANSION WILL RULE OUT LARGE
EXPORTS. MAINTAINED IS NOT UNREASONABLE BELIEVE CHINA HAS
AT LEAST 45 BILLION BARRELS RECOVERABLE OIL ONSHORE/
SIMILAR AMOUNT OFFSHORE (REUTER SINGAPORE 2/23).

SUN'S ISAACS (HK) COMMENTS THAT WITH CONVENING FIFTH NPC
SUNDAY, PRC WILL COMPLETE LAST LEGAL STEPS IN TRANSITION
TO POST-MAO ERA. OBSERVES THAT REFLECTING MORE RELAXED

AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED NPC IN ADVANCE--FIRST TIME IN
MANY YRS THEY HAVE DONE SO FOR MAJOR LEADERSHIP MTG.
FEELS THAT OF MOST SIGNIFICANCE AT NPC WILL BE DECISIONS
ON TOP LEADERSHIP POSTS FOR HUA/TENG.

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ED YODER (WSTAR 2/23) FINDS MUCH THEORIZING IN NEW HALDEMAN BOOK, SOME OF WHICH MAY BE VALID. BUT INSISTS SOME--EG, THEORY THAT SOVIETS SOUGHT ENLIST ACTIVE US CO-OP IN BOMBING OF PRC--"ARE IMPLAUSIBLE ON THEIR FACE."

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) REPORTS PRC ESCALATED CAMPAIGN AGAINST ROC THURS BY OFFERING REWARDS OF MORE THAN 2 MIL DOLS IN GOLD TO TAIWAN AIR FORCE/NAVAL OFFICERS WHO DEFECT TO MAINLAND. OBSERVES THIS FIRST TIME IN 14 YRS PEKING HAS MADE SUCH OFFER, AND SEES IT INDICATING NEW VIGOR/VARIETY OF PRC PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR AGAINST TAIPEI, AND WILLINGNESS USE EVEN METHODS W/CAPITALIST OVERTONES.

13. MALAYSIA

JOC'S LORENZ (KL) NOTES HOW TENSION MOUNTED THURS AS HUNDREDS SUPPORTERS DATUK HARUN IDRIS PREVENTED POLICE TAKING HIM TO JAIL TO BEGIN SENTENCE ON CORRUPTION CHARGES. OBSERVES IN RECENT YRS HARUN HAS USED HIS "FANATICALLY INSPIRED YOUTHFUL SUPPORTERS" AS POWER BASE TO RALLY BEHIND HIM WHENEVER HIS AMBITIONS TURNED SOUR--SITUATION "POTENTIALLY DISASTEROUS" FOR NATION. FEELS IF HARUN NOT PARDONED, COUNTRY COULD ERUPT AGAIN IN RIOTING WHICH WOULD SET ECON DEVELOPMENT BACK YRS/DOOM DECLINING FON INVESTMENT.

14. JAPAN

DIRECTOR NY'S JAPANESE TRADE CENTER SAYS US FIRMS COULD SELL MUCH MORE IN JAPAN IF THEY HAD PATIENCE. SPEAKING BEFORE TRADE CENTER/COMMERCE DEPT SEMINAR GROUP, RAYOHEL SUZUKI SAID PROSPECTS FOR DOING BUSINESS IN JAPAN BRIGHTER NOW THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE POSTWAR OCCUPATION (UPI, UNCLASSIFIED

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CHITRIB).

15. GENERAL

ON HUMAN RTS, THIMMESCH (CHITRIB) SAYS USSR/"RED CHINA"/ OTHER COMMUNIST STATES CONSTITUTE GREATEST THREATS TO FREEDOM, BUT CARTER ADMIN/CONGRESS INSIST ON PUNISHING/ CHASTISING NATIONS IN DANGER OF CAPITULATING TO TOTALI-TARIAN NATIONS/FORCES. REMARKS WHILE ROKG LIMITS FREEDOM, EVEN ITS "MOST VIGOROUS NATIVE DISSENTERS" WOULD JOIN

PRES PARK IN FIGHTING NKOREAN INVASION. STATES "COMMUNIST CHINA" LIONIZED BY "LAME-BRAINED VISITORS TAKEN ON CAREFULLY CONDUCTED TOURS." CLAIMS REALITY IN PRC IS SEVERELY REPRESSIVE STATE WHICH KILLS/PUNISHES "IN

CLASSIC TOTALITARIAN FASHION." REMARKS TAIWAN, WHILE NOT
MODEL DEMOCRACY, "STANDS IN WHOLESOME RELIEF" TO PEKING.

THIMMESCH ASKS WHY ONE-TIME ADMIRERS OF REVOLUTIONARIES
IN LAOS/CAMBODIA/VN SO QUIET NOW? URGES ADMIN/CONGRESS
REALIZE FULLY/ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY THAT THOSE FRIENDLY NATIONS
NAMED FOR HR VIOLATIONS--INCL PHILS--MUST ALSO DEAL W/
CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAY CAUSE THEM TREAT SUBVERSIVES/
TERRORISTS ROUGHLY. VANCE

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